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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO BITSIOS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO
FOREIGN MINISGER BITSIOS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S
PRESS SPOKESMAN MADE A STATEMENT ON JANUARY 31 THAT APPEARED
TO INTERPRET THE ATTITUDE OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ON THE
QUESTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. THIS WAS NOT DONE
DELIBERATELY OR WITH FORETHOUGHT, AND AS YOU KNOW IT WAS
CORRECTED BY THE SAME SPOKESMAN ON FEBRUARY 1. I HOPE THIS
CORRECTION WILL PREVENT ANY MISINTERPRETATION OF MY ATTITUDE
ON THIS MATTER.

I MUST ALSO APOLOGIZE FOR THE LEAK WHICH OCCURRED HERE
REGARDING OUR FEBRUARY 10 MEETING. I AM PROFOUNDLY SORRY
AND REGRET ANY EMBARRASSMENT THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE CAUSED
YOU. AGAIN, IT WAS NOT INTENTIONAL BUT RATHER AN EXAMPLE
OF HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO KEEP TRAVEL PLANS, OR OTHER

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS, SECRET IN WASHINGTON.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SHIFT THE
DETERMINATION OF CONGRESS TO CEASE MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO TURKEY ON FEBRUARY 5. THIS COULD, I FEAR HAVE AN
UNFORTUNATE EFFECT ON THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL
CERTAINLY REDUCE OUR INFLUENCE WITH THE TURKISH GOVERN-
MENT. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE CAN
TO HELP ACHIEVE A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. IN THIS SPIRIT
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AND FOREIGN
MINISTER ESENBEL IN BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 10. END TEXT.
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